

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Office of Emergency Medical Services

Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2005

Office of EMS Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members

Randy Abernathy
Linda Johnson

Billy Altman
Holly Frost

Jeff Reynolds

Absent

Dave Cullen

Sabina Braithwaite, M.D.

Kathy Eubank

Staff

Scott Winston
Chad Blosser

Warren Short
Michael Berg

Steve Puckett

Guests

Heidi Hooker

Marcia Pescitani

Deborah Akers

Topic/Subject

Discussion

Action

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at
1045 AM by Randy Abernathy.

No action required

Review & Approval
of previous minutes

Minutes of October 12, 2004
meeting reviewed

Deferred – No Quorum

Agenda Items

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and
guests introduced themselves.

No action required

2. Licensure vs.
Certification

Randy Abernathy asked about the pros vs cons
of each as there may be significant differences
between the two.

Discussion

Warren Short asked what would Licensure
bring to the table? Would licensure
bring independent practice?

Discussion of advantages of licensure: Licensure
allows greater review of professional conduct. The
current system allows providers to move from one
system to another to avoid problems. If this is a QI
issue, we could possibly require mandatory reporting
of problems to a central location available to all agencies.
The question of liability was raised in transferring
Information from one agency to another.

3. BLS Course
Reimbursement

Billy Altman asked why reimbursement for BLS
Reimbursement funds were currently available
only to the Instructor/Coordinator of the course
and could these funds be paid to localities/agencies
sponsoring training.

Discussion: The committee was informed the Office of EMS was informed by the Attorney General that only the coordinator could be reimbursed. OEMS is currently looking at ways to make the BLS Funding program more like the ALS program. To accomplish this new guidelines, new contracts and changes in the funding accounts would have to be made.

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| 4. Practical Testing Feedback | Steve Puckett reported that the reporting of the testing results was currently being used and candidates were being informed of the specific criteria that caused them to fail. |
| 5. National Scope of Practice Letter | Proposed letter reviewed with the committee. Agreed by the committee to forward the letter to the committee reviewing the National Scope of Practice. |
| 6. Revision of TPAM | Michael Berg reported that the Training Program Administrative Manual must go through the regulatory process due to being referenced in the Virginia EMS Regulations. The current plan is to remove references to TPAM from the EMS Regulations and use it as internal guidance document. OEMS will submit any changes to the regulatory manual to this committee. |
| 7. Web-Based CE | Warren discussed the program currently in process with Healthstream. Healthstream has been given our requirements and internal testing has been completed. We are now working with VITA to insure we can receive the data. |
| 8. Old Business | None |
| 9. New Business | Randy Abernathy stated he needed input to formulate a mission statement for the committee. Input to be brought to next meeting of committee. |
- Steve Puckett reported that a committee was being formed in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education to look at the requirements for conducting EMS programs in the High School Setting. He will report on the committee at the next meeting.
- Chad Blosser gave the committee an update on ALS Training Fund and accreditation.

Adjourned at 2:10 pm

Next meeting April 13, 2005 at the VAVRS Headquarters in Oilville.